

Forty-Two Cases On Calendar For Trial Next Week

Judge Malcolm Paul to Pre- side Over Special Term Of Superior Court

Forty-two cases, including three divorce actions have been placed on the civil calendar for consideration during the special two-week term of the Martin County Superior Court opening next Monday.

While there are several sizable damage suits on the calendar the term is not expected to attract very much attention.

Judge Malcolm Paul, special judge of Washington, is to preside over the term.

Cases are slated for trial on only three days next week and on three days the second week, Easter Monday being listed on the calendar as a holiday.

The three divorce cases, all based on two-year separation grounds, follow:

In his case against Emma Davis, William A. Davis says they were married in January, 1946, and separated in January, 1948.

Chessie Staton is suing Willie Gray Staton for a divorce, setting out in the complaint that they were married in April, 1951, and separated January 1, 1952, that no children were born of the union.

In the case of Paul Holliday against Mary E. Holliday, the plaintiff says they were married January 1, 1936, and separated June 15, 1949. A 14-year-old son, born of the union, is with the defendant, the plaintiff contributing to his support.

Pending since October, 1945, the boundary line case of W. L. Manning against N. P. Roberson is back on the calendar. The latest litigation centers around a referee's report.

In the case of George Salsbury against G. D. Grimes and others, the plaintiff is asking the court to set aside a foreclosure sale and allow plaintiffs to redeem it and have the deed to the certain land in Robersonville Township cancelled.

Under the title of David Grimes against Roberson, the Drainage District No. 3 case is on the calendar. The case centers around exceptions taken to the clerk's report by the A. C. L. Railroad Company and the North Carolina Pulp Company. There is some doubt if the case will be called, and it is possible that a special term of court will be called to hear the case.

A boundary line is involved in the case of F. C. Stallings against Wells-Oates, the plaintiff asking \$1,500 damages.

In the boundary line case of K. S. Bunting against Colletta Dewey and others, the plaintiff is asking \$1,250 damages.

James O. Buffaloe is suing Fenner Respass for possession of certain property in Williamston, plus rent at the rate of \$35 a month.

Fenner Respass, in his case against Mary Keys and others, is petitioning the court to have certain property sold to raise money to pay debts of his deceased wife and the cost of administration.

In the case of Claude L. Hadley and wife against W. P. Hadley and others, the plaintiffs

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Suffers Broken Leg In Fall Yesterday

Mrs. Johnson Corey of Farm Life suffered a bad fracture of her left leg near the knee at the home of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Gurganus, on West Main Street here yesterday.

She was removed to Brown's Hospital just across the street for treatment.

REPORTS

Fund Chairman Hugh M. Martin today appealed to his co-workers to make every effort to get their reports in on the 1954 Red Cross drive. Most of the reports are already in, he explained.

To date, the drive shows right at \$3,500 on hand, an amount about \$1,000 short of the goal. It is hoped the late reports will boost the figure well over \$4,000 and that some districts will be able to supplement the amounts already submitted.

Starting Dog Round-Up In This County Next Monday

The annual round-up of stray dogs, including those that have not been vaccinated against rabies, will get under way in this county next Monday, according to information released by the Sheriff's department today.

Mr. Arthur R. (Clab) Roberson of Everetts will handle the round-up which is to be extended into every nook and corner of the county. Starting in Jamesville next Monday Mr. Roberson will work up to Williamston and then move to the upper part of the county, returning to this area last. Vaccinations were completed in the townships of Jamesville, Williams, Griffiths, Bear Grass and Williamston a short time ago, and the vaccinations have been scheduled in the other districts, beginning today at Cross Roads church. It was explained that the wind-up is centered in Williamston since many stray dogs wander into the town or are delivered here and dumped out.

ON TRUCK ROUTE

The first structure on the new by-pass or truck route around the town is now under construction for the Martin Truck and Tractor Company. Located about 700 feet from Highway 17 at Sunny Side Inn, the building measures about 120 by 65 feet. It is to be of brick and block construction.

It was reliably but unofficially reported today that a five-acre tract of land on the Martin property west of Highway 17 had been sold to a firm in Reidsville for a tobacco warehouse. No papers had been filed up until noon today, it was said.

Robert (Smith) Coburn, native of Williamston, died in a Norfolk hospital yesterday morning at 4:00 o'clock following a stroke of paralysis suffered a few days previously.

The son of the late Adolphus and Martha Gurganus Coburn, he was born here 69 years ago. After spending his early life in this section, he located in Norfolk where he was employed as a wood-working mechanic until his retirement.

He married after locating in Norfolk and surviving are a son, Robert Coburn, of Richmond, and a sister, Mrs. Jos. A. Robertson, Sr., of Williamston and Wilson.

Funeral services are being conducted in Norfolk this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, and interment will follow in the cemetery there.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Onward Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. A. Robertson, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Spruill are attending the service from here.

Registered nurses of District 20, North Carolina State Nurses Association, will hold their regular monthly meeting in the First Methodist Church here next Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, it was announced today by Mrs. Laura Glenn, member of the association. The district is composed of the counties of Nash, Edgecombe, Pitt, Martin and Washington.

A cordial invitation is being extended to all registered nurses to attend the meeting whether they are members or not.

Gene Andrews, 62-year-old colored man, in an apparent suicide attempt early this afternoon cut himself on the neck with a butcher knife on the Rawls farm in Bear Grass Township. Following first aid treatment in a local hospital he was removed to Duke.

The Jamesville Woman's Club is to sponsor a series of public classes in protection in connection with the civil defense program, it was announced today.

The subjects will deal with fire fighting, first aid, air raid shelters and preparedness. Dates for the classes will be announced soon.

The United States Marine Corps is scheduled to run two convoys through Williamston on Saturday of this week. The first, made up of 32 vehicles, is due here at 11:00 o'clock that morning, followed by the second of 24 vehicles about 11:30 o'clock.

The convoys are traveling from Norfolk to Cherry Point, it was reported.

Local police have been asked to help move the convoys with dispatch, and local traffic will be asked to yield the right-of-way.

Calling For Bids On Big Drainage Project In County

To Review Bids In The County Courthouse April 27 At 2:00 o'clock

Even though it is involved in court litigation, plans are being made for handling work on Martin County Drainage District No. 3, according to a report released today.

Sealed proposals are to be opened in the office of the Clerk of the Martin County Superior Court at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, April 27, for furnishing labor, materials and equipment entering into the construction of drainage canals in the district, generally referred to as "Flat Swamp". Specifications are now on file in the clerk's office, and the office of the Soil Conservation Service in the agriculture building, Williamston, and also in the offices of the Associated General Contractors, Raleigh, and the engineers in Greenville.

The plans call for the clearing of about 186.7 acres for the right-of-way and the excavation of an estimated 486,521 cubic yards of dirt. The proposed project is one of the largest ever advanced in this county and is centered in the Robersonville, Parmele and Flat Swamp area.

Clerk of Court Wynne this week named three commissioners to handle the business for the district. Mr. Eugene Roberson, chairman, was named for a three-year period, C. L. Green for two years and H. A. Jenkins for one year.

Just about all the differences centered around the acreages and assessments have been smoothed away with two exceptions. The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and the North Carolina Pulp Company have taken exceptions to the clerk's findings as set out in his report filed last Thursday and are going into the superior court.

The case has been scheduled for consideration next Monday, the first day of the special two-week term of the superior court. However, it is likely that the railroad and pulp companies will ask for a continuance. In that event, it is expected that the clerk of court will be asked to hear the case.

On Tuesday of this week the officers wrecked two plants in Bear Grass Township, one was equipped with an oil drum still and the other had a submarine type still. The raiders poured out about 100 gallons of mash from the two plants.

The local army and air force recruiting sergeant, whose office is located in the city hall in Williamston, has announced that the Williamston office and the Windsor office will now be open a full day each week. The new schedule is effective April 20th. Williamston will have all day every Tuesday and Windsor, will have each Wednesday. Prior to this change Tuesday was shared by both offices. Office hours remain from 9:30 A. M. to 4:00 P. M., at both places.

Sgt. Dallas Quidley, Jr., is the new army and air force recruiter for Martin, Bertie and Beaufort Counties. He is formerly of Pamlico County and has just come on recruiting duty from the Chaplain's Department of the United States Air Force.

During the business session it was decided to turn over to the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors the business of deciding upon a project to be carried out by the club this spring for the purpose of raising money. It was announced that this group would meet at the schoolhouse on Friday night, April 9, to select a project.

A delicious baked chicken supper was prepared and served by the women of the Bear Grass Home Demonstration Club.

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Accompanied by Mrs. Graham and children, Dr. Sam Graham was here yesterday afternoon from Chapel Hill making plans to move to their new home on Woodlawn Drive next to the Jack Sulivans on or about June 1 when he is to enter upon his new duties as Martin County Health officer.

The Grahams were here only a short time, returning to Chapel Hill where the doctor is taking special training preparatory to entering upon his new public health duties in this county.

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Power Company Holds Meeting

Top ranking officials of the Virginia Electric and Power Company visited here yesterday to conduct the first of the 1954 series of annual employee meetings to be held throughout the entire VEPCo System in North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Approximately 109 of the company's approximately 500 employees attended the meeting which was held at the American Legion Hut. These employees represented the Williamston and Elizabeth City Areas of the Company's Albemarle District, and the Ahoskie Area of the Roanoke District.

Among the visiting executives were Vice-Presidents W. E. Wood, M. C. Smith, E. H. Will and G. E. Kidd, Assistant Treasurer A. L. Clement, and Director of Employee Information, P. W. Smith, of Richmond, and Northern Division Vice-President J. W. Howard of Alexandria, Virginia. Also present were Southern Division Vice-President R. H. Goodman, and Albemarle District Manager, A. L. Jameson, both of Williamston.

The meeting which began the eighth of an annual series, was divided into two parts to give the executives opportunity to present questions, submitted on cards, mately 35 questions, which were individually directed to the executive most familiar with the particular problem, were submitted by the employees.

District Manager A. L. Jameson opened the meeting by introducing the visiting executives. It closed when Vice-President R. H. Goodman called for a round of applause for Executive Vice-President R. H. Goodman called for a round of applause for Executive Vice-President W. E. Wood who will retire from active service with VEPCo during the latter part of the year.

Urge Formation Historical Group

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The commission representative said that Martin has a great history, that a society should be formed and all available records collected, looking toward the publication of historical papers in the future.

Accompanied by Mrs. Corbitt, he was en route to Hertford where he was to address a meeting there in connection with forming a society in Perquimans County.

Will Paint Farm Life Lunch Room

Gathering at the Farm Life school Saturday morning, patrons and other interested citizens will paint the lunch room as a community project.

The county board of education is to furnish the paint and the volunteer painters are to work free. Mrs. Elbert Griffin, manager of the room, explaining that a free dinner would be served to the volunteers.

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Political Slate Takes Shape In The County

Candidates Filed For All But Five County Positions

Filing Deadline Is 6:00 O'clock P. M., Satur- day, April 7

The political line-up is taking leaving only five positions "begging" for candidates. Comparatively few races have developed within the county, but they are of sufficient importance to bring out a sizable vote in the May 29 primary.

Board of Elections Chairman C. D. Carstarphen points out that Saturday, April 17, at 6:00 p. m., is the last day for getting names on the election ballot in the county.

While it is presumed he'll be a candidate to succeed himself, R. H. (Dick) Smith hasn't filed for the position. Clarence W. Griffin is stepping down as county court solicitor, and while Hugh M. Martin has announced his candidacy he has not filed for the position as yet. No official word has been released by Ernest Edmondson, Howard Gaylord or Sherwood L. Roberson whose terms as members of the Martin County Board of Education expire in 1955. Mr. Edmondson of Hassell is serving in his eighth year as a member of the board, and Mr. Gaylord of Jamesville is in his fourth year. Mr. Roberson of Robersonville was appointed last July to fill the unexpired term made vacant by the untimely death of Mr. Cecil Powell. The appointment was made to run until the next primary election.

The offices of solicitor is filled by appointment by the county commissioners and the members of the board of education are named by the legislature. However, it has been customary for many years for the candidates to go into the primary, with the general understanding that the endorsement gained there will be recognized by the commissioners and the legislature.

As it stands now, there are only two county-wide contests, one for sheriff and one for county representative in the North Carolina General Assembly. There are two local or township contests already lined up for constabularies in Williamston and Hamilton Townships, but no competition has developed for any other county or township offices.

In the order in which they filed the following candidates are in the race for the various offices, the figures showing the filing fees which are based on one percent of the salary or a flat fee of \$5:

For sheriff, M. W. (Buck) Holoman, \$46.00, and Raymond Rawls, \$46.00;

For county representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly, R. Frank Everett, \$13.50, and A. Corey, \$13.50;

For Clerk of the Martin County Superior Court, L. B. Wynne, \$42.00;

For coroner, W. W. Biggs, \$5;

For county commissioners, H. L. Roebuck, Cross Roads-Robersonville district; J. C. Gurkin, Griffiths-Bear Grass district; J. H. Edwards, Williamston - Poplar Point district; C. C. Martin, Jamesville-Williams district, and P. S. Johnson, Hamilton-Goose Nest district.

For judge of recorder's court, H. O. Peele, \$21.60;

For county surveyor, O. B. Roberson, \$21.60.

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THIS IS IT!

"This Is It," Little League officials said yesterday in calling attention to the brief but decisive meeting of the Little League forces at the courthouse tonight at 8:00. It is being emphasized that plans will be approved tonight to set the organization in motion or the project will be dropped.

Not only is the meeting for officials and leaders but for fans, players and all concerned in any manner whatsoever. "Men, women and children are invited and urged to come out," the officials said.

MEETING

Recently appointed by the State Democratic Executive Committee, members of the Martin Board of Elections will meet in the courthouse here at 11:00 o'clock on Saturday of this week to perfect an organization of their own and name the precinct election officials for the next two years.

Members of the county board are C. D. Carstarphen, Williamston, J. R. Winslow and Wade Vick both of Robersonville, Mr. Winslow having been appointed to succeed Mr. Hassell Worsley.

The board will name a registrar, two judges of election, including one Republican, and an alternate (Democrat) for each of the thirteen precincts.

Youngsters Set For Stock Show

Martin County 4-H club members and Future Farmers of America were all set shortly before noon for the eleventh annual fat stock show. At that time thirty-three beef calves had been checked in, a report stating that a 34th animal could not be roped and there was some doubt if the fifteen or twenty after him could effect a catch in time for the judging at 1:30 this afternoon.

The young owners, aided in a few instances by their parents, were busy this morning grooming their animals with expert and tender strokes, making ready for the judging today and the sale Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

The show, one of the best of the eleven held in this county, is attracting considerable attention. Urgent appeals are being issued, urging the various firms and others in the county to support the sale Friday afternoon.

Robersonville Has Contest Monopoly

Robersonville has a near monopoly when it comes to contests. Mrs. Lois R. Young, native of Robersonville but who now resides in Salisbury, was second place winner in the "Mrs. North Carolina of 1954" contest last Friday night at the Raleigh Woman's Club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rogerson of Robersonville, and wife of Dr. D. C. Young, Jr., of Salisbury.

Mrs. Belle Boone Higgins, 70, also a native of Robersonville but who has resided in Hopewell, Va., for the past twenty-seven years, was named this week "Mother of the Year", in Virginia.

Mrs. Higgins is the mother of six children and is active in many church and civic groups in Hopewell. She was cited particularly for her work in helping establish a junior assembly for teenagers.

She will compete with state "mothers" from the other 47 states in competition for the national title in New York City during the week preceding Mother's Day, May 9.

Jamesville Board Takes No Action On Street

Meeting Tuesday evening the Jamesville Board of Town Commissioners took no action, providing for the closing of a street between the school properties there during school hours. The closing was supported by a petition carrying more than 100 names, according to information reaching here.

Suffers Broken Ankle In Stepping From Door

Moses Todd, young employee at Abbitt's Mill, suffered a broken ankle when he stepped out a door at the mill late yesterday afternoon. He was removed to Martin General Hospital for treatment.

The Todds have an eight-month old daughter who has been quite ill for some time and who is scheduled to return to Duke next week for further treatment.

Call Twenty-Five Cases Monday In The County Court

Court Will Be Idle Next Two Weeks While Big Court Is In Session

Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor Clarence W. Griffin handled twenty-five cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court during a comparatively short session Monday. Fines were imposed in the amount of \$410, and road sentences ranged in length up to two years.

The court will be idle during the next two weeks while the superior tribunal is in special session for the trial of civil cases.

Proceedings: The two cases in which Herman Johnson was charged with issuing worthless checks, were not pressed.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was revoked, Bertice G. Bagley drew a \$200 fine and was taxed with the court costs.

Charged with speeding, James Wayland Elks of Grimesland pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty he was taxed with the costs.

Charged with drunken driving, Browlie Whitehurst called for a jury trial and his case was automatically transferred to the superior court docket.

Pleading guilty of larceny, William Brown was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs and on the further condition that he violate no law during the next two years.

The case in which John Thomas Worsley was charged with larceny was not pressed.

N. S. Nichols, pleading guilty of larceny, was sentenced to the roads for three months, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court at any time during the next two years. He was directed to pay the costs.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license Lucille Hyman was fined \$25, and taxed with the costs.

Charged with assaulting a female, J. P. Holiday pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs of \$100 doctor's bill and the court costs. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$500.

Violet Lucille Hudson pleaded guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and reckless driving. She was sentenced to jail for ten days, suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs, and on the further condition that she operate no motor vehicle for a year.

Pleading innocent, Lamont Lacey was adjudged guilty of bastardy and he was sentenced to the roads for twelve months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the costs, \$10 a month for the support of his child, and a \$50 doctor's bill. He is to reappear at the end of two years for further judgment.

Charged with the possession of stolen property, Charlie Mack Johnson, Jr., pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of the costs, \$10 a month for the support of his child, and a \$50 doctor's bill. He is to reappear at the end of two years for further judgment.

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Added Feature For The Fat Stock Show Here

James Cratt, Martin County farmer, will add a feature to the eleventh annual fat stock show here tomorrow afternoon at 1:15 o'clock when he will do rope and whip tricks.

He is a real rope and whip artist, it is said.

IN REVERSE

Motorists have crashed head on, skidded into and sideswiped, but a report coming from the highway patrol this week maintained that a motorist actually backed into an accident on Highway 125 in this county near Oak City.

A fellow by the name of Lyn passed a friend parked on the road. Desiring conversation, Lyn backed his 1941 Ford and lost control of the machine, crashing into his friend's 1949 Ford, causing about \$200 to his friend's car and about \$25 to his own.